

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1105

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the establishment of a domestic abuse registry in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, domestic abuse and domestic violence are major societal problems, as they daily destroy families, women, and children, both figuratively and literally; and

WHEREAS, a state-established and state-mandated registry of persons who have pled guilty to or been convicted of domestic abuse or domestic violence offenses (similar to the sexual offender and violent sexual offender registry and the registry of persons convicted of methamphetamine offenses) would be an invaluable tool for law enforcement officials and the criminal justice system in identifying and monitoring such offenders and minimizing their negative impact on their families and society as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the feasibility of establishing a state registry of persons convicted of domestic abuse or domestic violence offenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such

committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2009, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.